

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 9-15 are presently pending in this application, Claims 9-15 having been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, and Claim 1 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hall (U.S. Patent 246,879); and Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by McCarron (U.S. Patent 964,044).

Claim 1 has been amended herein. This claim amendment finds clear support in the original specification, claims and drawings. For example, amended Claim 1 is supported by Figure 7. Hence, Claim 1 is not believed to raise a question of new matter.

Briefly, Claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a glass product including a body having a main part and at least one secondary part, and a collar formed on the body and having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main part, wherein the collar is not formed at end portions of the main and at least one secondary parts.

The outstanding Office Action asserts that Hall and McCarron disclose a drinking flask and a bottle, respectively, as recited in Claim 1. Nevertheless, neither Hall nor McCarron teaches a body having a main part and at least one secondary part, and a collar formed on the body and having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main part, wherein the collar is not formed at end portions of the main and at least one secondary parts, as recited in Claim 1. Both Hall and McCarron, on the contrary, disclose a product whose neck and collar are provided at an end portion of the product's neck parts. Hence, the structure recited in Claim 1 is distinguishable from Hall and McCarron, and thus is not anticipated thereby.

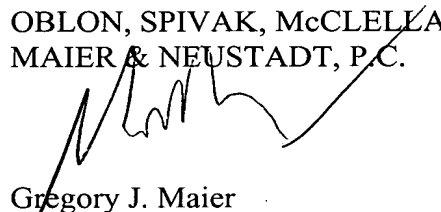
Because neither Hall nor McCarron discloses the body and collar as recited in Claim 1, even the combined teachings of these applied references would not render the structure recited in Claim 1 obvious.

For the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Furthermore, since Claims 2-5 ultimately depend from Claim 1, substantially the same arguments set forth above are also applicable to these dependent claims. Hence, Claims 2-5 are believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the amendments and discussions presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Twice Amended) A glass product comprising:

a body having a main part and at least one secondary part; and

a collar formed on said body and having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main part,

wherein said collar is not formed at end portions of said main and at least one secondary parts.--